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Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

Joseph Rodefer De Camp

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Joseph Rodefer De Camp

Joseph Rodefer De Camp was born on November 5th, I858 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He studied with Frank Buyeneck in that city and then continued his studies at the Academy of Art in Munic. He later settled in Boston, Mass. after his marriage in I89I. and became a landscape and portrait painter.

The was the recipient of various medals and awards for his paintings: Philadelphia in I899, St Louis in I904 & etc.; as well as in the Paris Worlds Fair in I900 where he received an honorable mention for a painting entitled

"Women Washing Her Hair"

He was also received with considerable acclaim at the Salon Schulte in Berlin in I9I0,where he exhibited his portrait of an elegant young women with a lute.

Paintings by De Camp are listed as being in the Wilstack Gallery and in the Pennsylvania Academy in Philadelphia, in the Museum of Cincinnati,Boston Museum and in the Worchester Museum.

De Camp died in I923. - There is an article on him in Volume 45 of"the Studio" (I9I0) pages I9I and I94 with reproductions. He is also listed in Who's Who in America, I9I2-I9I3 edition,page 538 and Who's Who in Art,New York,I9I2

By Carl O.Schniewind

The Art Institute of Chicago.

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MORRIS H. BRIGGS
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SPECIALIST: LINCOLNIANA
WESTERN AMERICANA

April 19, 1950

Lincoln Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Louis A. Warren

Dear Mr. Warren:

On Jan. 10, 1950 I purchased a portrait of Lincoln at the B.F. Stein sale held at Grant's Auction Galleries here. This was catalogued as a pencil drawing by Jos. R. De Camp. The size was 22½ X 27½.

In the Lambert Sale, Phila. April 30, 1914, Part V, Lincolniana, Third Section, I found the following:

> No. 259. CAMP, (JOSEPH D.) Life-size bust of President Lincoln. Pencil drawing, signed. Large folio, framed.

This so nearly resembled my purchase that I took it for granted that this was my purchase at Grant's.

Yesterday I took it down for some cleaning to R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co. and showed it to Harold Tribolet of their extra-bindery department. He told me that it was a lithograph which was my first impression when seeing it at Grants, however the clerk assured me that it was a pencil portrait and being under glass I took his word for it.

I have never heard of a lithograph portrait of Lincoln by De Camp, who was quite a noted American artist, 1858-1923. Sorry indeed that E.H. Sauer is no longer living as he would have probably known all about it. I wonder if you have a copy of this in your collection or any record of it. If so any information regarding it will be very much appreciated. It is possible although not probable that only one print was made from the artist's drawing on the stone.

Sincerely yours,

M. H. Briggs

P.S. A booklet, "Huits Grands Americains" has been published by the State Dep't. and copies may be obtained from the publisher, Philip Copp, 40 East 49th. St. N.Y.C., N.Y. This includes a life of Lincoln in pictures. I do not know whether separates of the Lincoln portion are to be published in other Eastern languages as proposed in Dec., 1949.

Twisdel 29-1 C 1897 by L. Prang + Co Boston 22-x 14

April 25, 1950

Mr. Morris H. Briggs
1764 E. 71st Place
Chicago 49, Illinois

My dear Mr. Briggs:

I regret sincerely that I cannot help you very much with respect to the De Camp lithograph, but I think it is quite certain that yours can be identified as such, although I could not locate the original drawing. We happen to have a copy 20½ x 25¼. I have also seen another with the size noted as 14½ by 19, and still another 22 x 14. I think they are all lithographs. The lithograph was copyrighted by Prang and Company, Boston, in 1897, although Camp had died in 1923. He was born in Cincinnati in 1858, and several paintings are listed to his credit.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

De Camp.

MORRIS H. BRIGGS
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SPECIALIST: LINCOLNIANA
WESTERN AMERICANA

April 27,1950

Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr.Warren:

I thank you for your kind letter of April 25th.in regard to the De Camp lithograph. I bought this at the sale of B.F.Stein's Lincoln portraits at Grant's Auction Galleries in January. It was catalogued as a pencil drawing but thought that it looked like a lithograph.One of the attendants took the picture down and assured me that it was a pencil drawing. As it was under glass I took his word for it.Luckily I did not have to pay a high price.

The other day I took it down to the Extra Binding Department at Donnelleys and Harold Tribolet took a look at it and said that it was a lith.Before this I had asked him to have it cleaned and foxing taken out at cost of some $23.00.Didn't like to appear cheap in such a swanky office,especially as they deal with some of my wealthiest customers,so let it go,so ignorance and pride may cost me $10.00 or so.

About the same time I wired and secured a W.C.Bryant note and broadside thinking that it might refer to Emancipation Proclamation.It turned out that it was printed in 1866 and was on passage of 13th.Amendment.This I have sold as a first edition at a price sufficient to make up any possible loss on the De Camp.

Sold Dicke a fine large lith.portrait of A.L.made here in 1860 and framed with rails that Lincoln split.He bought this just after he sold you his collection of A.L.portraits.Best I ever had.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Briggs

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